

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 196 - SB 881

February 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a court to impose a fine between \$50 and \$200 against those convicted of willful abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult, if the victim was over the age of 60.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of the Treasury confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.
- Local court clerk contacts confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.
- Under current law, someone convicted of willful abuse, neglect, or exploitation, a Class D felony, would be assessed a criminal fine up to \$5,000.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study of incarceration costs and fines, collection of fines for felony offenses is negligible.
- It is assumed that adding an additional \$50 to \$200 above and beyond the standard criminal fine will not result in a significant increase in revenue for these offenses.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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